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4-H CLUB ACHIEVEMENT WEEK -- NOVEMBER 3-11

A "radio short" from Ken Gapen, United States Department of Agriculture.  
Recorded October 11, 1945. Time: 2 minutes, 5 seconds.

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ANNOUNCER: (LIVE):

This is 4-H Club Achievement Week . . . you know . . . the week we're taking our hats off to farm boys and girls all over the land for what they've accomplished for better living in their 4-H Clubs this year. By transcription from Washington, I've asked Ken Gapen of the United States Department of Agriculture for a word on 4-H Club Achievements.



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GAPEN: (TRANSCRIPTION)

I've just had a look at the official record here in Washington of what 4-H Club boys and girls did to help win the war.

I saw this record at 4-H Club headquarters in the Extension Service . . . in the big Department of Agriculture Building across the street from the Washington Monument.

There were reports on all seven National 4-H War Goals . . . but I'll just tell you about the food report.

Maybe you didn't think that baby beef of yours amounted to very much . . . the food needs for war were so tremendous. But added in with the animals raised by 4-H Club members in all the 48 States, your baby beef amounted to 2,700,000 animals, to be turned into steaks and roasts and hamburgers.

4-H Club poultry came to 43,000,000 birds. Food crops, 1,300,000 acres, Victory gardens, another million acres. Canned foods, 74,000,000 quarts.

In all, you 4-H members produced and conserved enough food to feed over 3,000,000 fighters in the armed forces for a whole year.

All over our country this week, people are recalling the great things 4-H members accomplished this year . . . and all the war years. We're proud of the food you produced. We're proud of your tireless work selling War Stamps and Bonds, collecting scrap, and taking over the farm and home jobs of those gone to war. We're deeply proud of the million 4-H Club members in the armed forces.

You've helped the Nation in a time of great need. You've been of even more help as an inspiration to the rest of us to try harder and do more.

As we enter this new era of Peace, we look to you . . . the million seven hundred thousand 4-H members . . . to take an equally full part in making this truly an era of Peace and happiness for all the world.

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